PERMIT VALIDATION

When a pheasant is reduced to possession, the hunter must immediately:

✔ Validate their permit by entering the harvest date and location in non-erasable ink

✔ Remove a notch from the permit for each pheasant taken.

NOTE: All upland game bird hunters are required to wear visible hunter orange (minimum size 36 square inches) above the waist during pheasant season when hunting on properties where pheasants are stocked.

Shooting hours for upland game birds on Upland Game Bird Permit Release Areas are 10AM to one-half hour after sunset, except for those areas in the Clearwater Region where shooting hours would be 8AM to one-half hour after sunset.

For stocking information, locations and maps please visit: idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/pheasant/stocking-program.

RULES FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS (EXCEPT TURKEY)

Unlawful Methods of Take

No person may take upland game birds:

• Outside of legal shooting hours.

• With a trap, snare, net, crossbow or firearm:

  Except upland game birds may be taken with a shotgun using shells not exceeding 3 ½ inches maximum length, or muzzleloading shotgun.

  Except forest grouse which may be taken with a crossbow or firearm.

NOTE: The Fish and Game Commission has proposed a rule change to allow the take of upland game birds (including turkey) with a crossbow. This proposed change does not take effect until reviewed by the 2022 Idaho Legislature. Before going afield with a crossbow, please check the Idaho Fish & Game website to see whether crossbows are allowed for upland game bird hunting.

• From any watercraft.

• By the use or aid of any electronic call.

• By the aid of baiting. Bait is defined as any substance placed to attract game.

• When hunting on locations where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required, without wearing at least 36 square inches of visible hunter orange above the waist.

See page 44 for additional Unlawful Methods of Take.

Shooting Hours

• Upland Game Birds: From one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

• Upland Game Bird Permit Release Area Where Pheasants Are Stocked: From 10AM to one-half hour after sunset, during the pheasant season, except for those areas in the Clearwater Region where shooting hours would be 8AM to one-half hour after sunset.

Definitions

Daily Bag Limit: The maximum number of game birds that may be legally taken, caught or killed by any one (1) person during a calendar day.

Possession Limit: The maximum number of each species of upland game birds that may be lawfully possessed while in the field or being transported.

Termination of Possession: The possession of upland game birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by them to:

• Another person as a gift when accompanied by a proxy statement (see page 47).

• Upon reaching the final place of consumption or storage.

Species Identification: One (1) fully-feathered wing or the head must be left naturally attached on all dressed game birds (except turkey) and Eurasian-collared doves to permit identification of species and sex while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor OR between the place where taken and a commercial processing or storage facility.